

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to require their stations to air a clearly partisan attack on Senator Kerry is an affront to our democracy.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest.

Before 1988, they would have been required to provide equal time for opposing views by the FCC's "Doctrine of Fairness". This doctrine must be reinstated to prevent the use of the public airwaves for the sort of one-sided diatribes that are tearing this country apart by spewing hate and distrust of one's fellow citizens.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules and once again require those that profit from the use of the public airwaves to adhere to a strict code of fairness.

Thank you,  
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